

PRM 29 WORKING GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

Classification and Declassification Working Group

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- Section 1: Security Classification Categories
- Section 2: Authority to Classify
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- Section 4: Classification
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- Section 9: Special Departmental Arrangements
- Section 10: Exceptional Cases
- Section 11: Declassification of Presidential Papers
- Section 12: Historical Research and Access by Former Government Officials

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- How to promote increased public access to this information through a more rapid and systematic declassification program;
- Overlaps between the new Executive Order and the Freedom of Information Act as amended and the Privacy Act;
- Which information requires protection and for how long and what criteria should be used in making this judgment;
- Which categories of classified material more than 20 years old could be declassified in bulk under appropriate guidelines;
- How the classification system can be simplified to make it more understandable and easier to implement.
- Whether the Departments and Agencies should prepare classification and declassification guidelines for their employees;

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Implementation and Review Working Group

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Section 6: Policy Directives on Access, Marking, Safekeeping, Accountability, Transmission, Disposition and Destruction of Classified Information and Material

Section 7: Implementation and Review Responsibilities

Section 13: Administrative and Judicial Action

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- How unnecessary and duplicative practices and procedures can be eliminated, reducing expenses;
- What kinds of disciplinary actions can be taken to prevent the misuse of the security classification system by government officials;
- How best to implement the provisions of the new E.O.
- Examine the role and effectiveness of the Interagency Classification Review Committee.